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HB 698

CHIPPEWA CREE TRIBE OF THE ROCKY BOY'S
RESERVATION

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL NO. 698
INTRODUCED BY HOUSE REPRESENTATIVE JONATHAN
WINDY BOY:

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE
LAWS RELATING TO TRANSITION MONEY PROVIDED TO
INMATES UPON DISCHARGE, PAROLE, OR CONDITIONAL
RELEASE; AND AMENDING SECTION 53-30-111, MCA."

PRESENTED TO:
HONORABLE DIANE RICE, CHAIRWOMAN
HONORABLE DAVE GALLIK, VICE-CHAIR
HONORABLE RON STOKER, VICE-CHAIR
HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 21, 2007
STATE CAPITOL ROOM 137
HELENA, MONTANA

INTRODUCTION

Good Morning, Honorable Chairwoman Rice, Vice-Chairs Gallick and Stoker and Members of the Committee. The Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation respectfully submits this testimony in support of House Bill No. 698: "An Act Revising the Laws Relating to Transition Money Provided to Inmates Upon Discharge, Parole, or Conditional Release; and Amending Section 53-30-111, MCA." The bill is sponsored by our House Representative Jonathan Windy Boy and provides support for transitional money for those inmates discharged, paroled or released from prison.

The Chippewa Cree Tribe supports House Bill 698 because of the need to financially assist inmates that are released from a state prison. It just makes good sense to provide some financial assistance to inmates to help pay for essential goods and services while adjusting to life outside of the state prison. We agree with raising the financial assistance to not less than \$500 or more than

\$1000 due to rising costs. We appreciate this effort to provide financial assistance to cover the costs of rent, transportation, work-related tools and food so the inmates can start out on the right foot and be productive members of our State.

On behalf of the Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's reservation, we urge you to approve House Bill No. 698. I also would like to thank the Honorable Chairman and members of the Committee for allowing us to testify today in support of H.B. 698 and to personally thank Representative Windy Boy or Jonathan as we know him for sponsoring this Bill.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John C. Houle" followed by a stylized flourish or signature mark.

John Chance Houle, Chairman

Chippewa Cree Tribe